



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## Uhlmann Announces Retirement Effective Dec 31

State Emergency Management Agency Director Jerry B. Uhlmann announced his retirement effective December 31, 2004. Uhlmann served as director for almost 12 years after a distinguished 32-year career with the Missouri National Guard. He is the longest continuous serving State Emergency Management Director in the country.

During his tenure, he managed response, recovery and mitigation efforts for the largest floods, the most costly winter storm and the most devastating series of tornadoes this state has ever seen. The 1993 Floods impacted 112 counties and the city of St. Louis. The 2002 ice storm impacted 43 counties leaving over 400,000 citizens without power. The May 2003 series of tornadoes impacted 74 counties and destroyed Stockton and Pierce City. Under his direction, SEMA worked closely with the Office of Administration Information Technology and local governments on Y2K efforts. While SEMA is best known for disaster response, the agency has been nationally recognized for outstanding mitigation efforts. Uhlmann chaired the Governor's Task Force on Floodplain Management in 1994. Two major outcomes were the Missouri Voluntary Community Buyout Program, and making the National Flood Insurance Program more customer friendly for the over 500 participating communities. He also chaired the Long Term Recovery Task Force for the Southwest Mo Tornadoes in 2002. The task force focused their efforts on rebuilding Stockton and Pierce City after the devastating tornadoes.

## Volunteer Training

The Missouri United Methodist Disaster Response Team (MUMDRT) and the St. Louis AmeriCorps Emergency Response Team will be attending special training for managing unaffiliated volunteers. The two organizations are partnering in order to execute an effective collaboration when managing unaffiliated volunteers in communities and operations that require such a function. New doctrines and training in this function will be utilized. The training is in Jefferson City the week of December 1st.

SEMA Statewide Volunteer Coordinator made a managing volunteers presentation to the Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) Local Public Health Regional Planners Skill Development Workshop. Volunteers are expected to play a significant role in the event of a public health emergency especially if large-scale vaccinations will be required.

## SEMA Training Classes Have Openings

The following free SEMA classes have openings. If you are interested in attending one of these classes please register on line [www.sema.dps.mo.gov](http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov) then click on the training link in the blue sidebar. You can register on line for any of the following classes:

12/7-9	Principles of Emergency Management (PDS)	CEMA – St. Louis.
12/16-17	Incident Command System - Law Enforcement (ICS)	St. Joseph MO.
1/5-65	ICS and EOC Interface (APS)	Branson MO.
1/10-11	Donations Management Workshop (APS)	Kansas City MO.
1/25-27	Debris Management (APS)	Sikeston MO.
1/25-26	Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety	Jefferson City MO.

## **Partnership, MOVOAD Create Volunteer Response Plan**

The Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership / State Citizen Council and Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MOVOAD) are coordinating a project to create a functional plan that coordinates all human services, voluntary services and related support services pertaining to emergency management. The plan will address the four phases of emergency management but a special emphasis will necessarily be placed on the recovery phase. The recovery phase has become more critical and better resourced in recent years and this has necessitated better planning.

## **Citizen Corps Questions? Call Dante!**

SEMA Statewide Volunteer Coordinator Dante Gliniecki is currently managing the Citizen Corps program. Questions can be directed to Dante at (573-526-9132).

## **National Ad Campaign Urges Parents to Make an Emergency Plan**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Ad Council unveiled new Ready campaign public service advertisements (PSAs). The PSAs are designed to encourage people to develop a family emergency plan in case of a terrorist attack or other emergency. The PSAs feature children questioning parents about what to do during an emergency. The message is simple: Everyone should have a plan.

The goal of the campaign is to get citizens involved and, ultimately, to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation. Ready and its Spanish language version Listo ask individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

## **ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 22, 23)**

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced 17 Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants.

Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Goose Creek Lake FD (\$128,188), KAW (Altamont) FPD (\$143,060).

Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Bloomfield FD (\$51,030), Bolckow FPD (\$51,030), Canton R-V FPD (\$41,792), Carthage FD (\$51,552), Hartville FD (\$48,168), Independence FD (\$50,540), Kennett FD (\$139,554), Mindenmines VFD (\$35,930), Monett FD (\$53,190), Naylor VFD (\$38,737), Newburg FD (\$44,387), Osage Beach FPD (\$36,000), Spickard FPD (\$19,701), Sunrise Beach FPD (\$127,216), Versailles City FD (\$54,247).